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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please delete claim 1 in its entirety without prejudice to the filing of any appropriate continuation application.

Please add new claims 48-147 as follows:

48. A method of forming an array of compounds on a support having one or more localized areas comprising

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